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R is a straight or branched chain alkyl group of from about 2 to 10 carbon atoms and R₂ is 1,4-phenylene or cyclohexylene and n is the number of repeating units and is defined by R and R₂, by R₁ in polymeric block (B), and by the total molecular weight of the copolymer; and a polymeric block (B) which is the reaction product of an aromatic dicarboxylic acid or a cycloaliphatic acid, and a short chain aliphatic or cycloaliphatic diol, having the formula $-OR_1\overset{O}{\parallel}C\overset{O}{\parallel}CR_2-$ wherein R₁ is a straight or branched chain alkyl group of from about 2 to 10 carbon atoms or a cyclic group having the formula $-CH_2-\text{C}_6\text{H}_{10}-CH_2-$; and R₂ is 1,4-phenylene or cyclohexylene, said block (B) comprising from about 30% to 95% of said copolymer, and said copolymer having a number average molecular weight of from about 25,000 to 30,000, such that said suture has good flexibility, good fatigue life and high tensile strength.

Claims 2, 3 and 4 line 1 delete "1" and add -- 6 -- .

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Claim 7 delete lines 3 to 19 and add -- logical suture or ligature of Claim 6. -- .

Cancel Claim 1 without prejudice to the filing of a continuation or a continuation-in-part application.

REMARKS

The Applicant's attorney wishes to thank the Examiner for the interview granted on November 8, 1979. The substance of the interview essentially corresponds to the description in the Examiner Interview Summary Record (Paper No. 7). Further comment therefore does appear to be necessary. The Examiner's comments during the interview relating to the scope and structure of the claims, and to the prior art are noted and appreciated.

During the interview, the Examiner indicated that amendments to the formulas, to make them consistent with the prior art descriptions, would be allowable. This has been done in the specification and in Claim 6 (amended) by deleting a methylene group, $-CH_2-$, from the formulas and by adding one